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Armed raid at petrol station

STAFF and customers at a petrol station in Ormskirk were left terrified after an armed robbery at the weekend.

The incident took place just after midnight on Saturday, September 24 when two men, described as white and speaking with Liverpudlian accents, entered the BP service station in County Road.

The pair, who had their faces hidden, approached the till and one pointed a hammer towards a customer while the other, armed with a small knife, demanded cash and cigarettes from the member of staff.

After taking £265 in cash and £100 worth of cigarettes, the offenders, who were both around 5ft 8in tall and wearing casual clothing, made off on foot through the customer entrance towards Fire Station Island on the A59.

Detective Constable Martin Sullivan from Lancashire Constabulary said: "This was a terrifying incident for the member of staff and those who witnessed it and we are appealing for any information which could help with our enquiries.

"Maybe you were in the area at the time and saw something, maybe you recognise the descriptions of the men or maybe you overheard someone talking about the incident.

"If you have any information, however small, we would urge you to contact us."

Anybody with information is asked to contact police on 101 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at crimestoppers-uk.org.

WELCOME TO 'SWAN TOWN'!

BURSCOUGH Parish Council has teamed up with staff at Martin Mere nature reserve to re-brand the village as 'the home of the whooper swan'!

Parish Councillor David Hardisty revealed to the Champion that the council has given the green light at their last monthly meeting to plans to brand the village as the home of the protected swans, which migrate each year to the village from Iceland.

It is believed that this would be the first time that a town or village in the UK has named itself as the home of a species.

And there are also plans to twin the town with the swans' 'home' in Iceland, Akureyri - another 'first' as the first towns from different countries to be twinned based on the migration of a protected species!

A 'welcome' sign will be erected at the roundabout near Booths supermarket on the Ringtail retail park, along with a specially-commissioned sculpture of whooper swans.

A working group of parish councillors, business owners, residents and Martin Mere representatives will now be set up to start the ball rolling on marketing as well as looking at other heritage sites within the area to tie in with the project and set up a promotional website.

by **Danielle Thompson**

Nick Brooks, general manager at Martin Mere, told the Champion: "We've been in talks with the council on this exciting project for almost two years since November 2014 as they looked at a range of ways to market Burscough.

Unique

"We will be able to put Burscough on the map internationally – on the back of the whooper swans, which are well-known around the world and will make the town a unique tourist attraction.

"It will be the first time in the UK that somewhere has called itself the home of a specific species – and if we twinned with Akureyri, it would be the first international twinning based on a species migration.

"Lancaster University's business school did a research project and found that Martin Mere was worth £5million a year to the local economy – we need to make use of this money in the village."

Burscough Parish Council unveil plan to re-brand village in bid to attract more visitors

How the proposed sculpture on the roundabout could look

Councillor David Hardisty added: "Last year alone more than 2,000 whooper swans visited Martin Mere and the numbers are rising year on year. As well as whooper swans, large numbers of other migratory birds including pink-footed geese, Canada geese and Bewick's swans also migrate to Burscough.

"This attracts thousands of visitors to Martin Mere and the surrounding area each year. These visitors very often stay for a period of time visiting other attractions in the area which it is hoped we can encourage further. This will give Burscough and the surrounding area a platform to flourish and expand as a destination."

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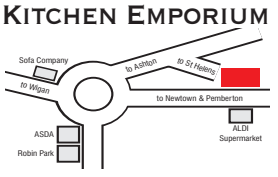

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Do you have what it takes to be a county councillor?

Lancashire seeking potential new candidates to stand in 2017 elections

Report by **Henry James**

DO you think you've got what it takes to be a county councillor?

If so, Lancashire County Council want to hear from you.

The county council is holding local elections in May 2017 and new candidates are needed to represent their areas. There will be 84 seats up for grabs in the 12 Lancashire district areas.

Jo Turton, chief executive of Lancashire County Council, said: "If you care about the area that you live or work in and the issues facing local people, we need you.

"You don't need any special qualifications or experience to be a county councillor, skills gained through raising a family, volunteering or being active in faith or community groups can be just as valuable.

"The role is a privileged position which allows you to make a real difference to people's daily lives.

"Councillors have three main roles - to represent the people in their local area and listen to their views; to make decisions about how the council is run, what services should be provided, and how money is spent; and to provide community leadership so that different organisations all work together to make their area a better place.

"If you think you could be a voice for your community and would like to be involved in shaping decisions which will affect local residents, we want to hear from you.

"We are inviting people who are interested in standing to come along to one of our information events in October and find out more."

Information events will be held on Monday, October 10 and Tuesday, October 25 at County Hall, Preston, where anyone interested is welcome to go along to find out what's involved and how you could become a county councillor.

Jo Turton chief executive of Lancashire County Council

Both events start at 5.30pm and there will be presentations on a day in the life of a councillor, what support is available, and what you need to know about the election process.

There will also be the opportunity to speak informally to council officers, district electoral officers and members of the Local Government Association.

You can register your interest in attending an event or find out more by visiting www.beacouncillor.co.uk/lancashire.

If you are unable to attend an event, the website provides details on the next steps to take.

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County council launches safety review at accident black spot

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

LANCASHIRE County Council has launched a safety review at an accident black spot in Ormskirk.

The council's highways officers were already looking at traffic flow through the busy County Road junction as preparation for implementing traffic-calming measures on Cottage Lane and Halsall Lane leading up to the junction before a local resident launched a campaign calling for action following another serious accident earlier this month.

On Saturday, September 10 a pensioner was airlifted to hospital with chest injuries after a four-vehicle crash at the County Road junction, while the fire service had to cut the occupants out of one of the other vehicles.

The county council has now launched a safety review of the junction and traffic-monitoring cameras have been installed. The data from these will be reviewed to see what changes may be made to improve the traffic flow and limit the possibility of future crashes.

Following the latest accident, Southport Road resident Michelle Aldridge launched a petition calling for a full safety review at online campaign site change.org. Ths has attracted more than 1,000 signatures.

She said that accidents are occurring weekly and raised concerns about drivers jumping lights, ineffective filter lights and what she called "appallingly unsafe" timings of traffic lights.

CCTV images are being monitored and recorded for the purposes of traffic management.
The system is controlled by Lancashire County Council.
For more information telephone: 0300 123 6780

A sign at the junction informing motorists that the safety review is already underway

Residents in Knowsley and Scott wards had also raised speed and traffic volume concerns through local Police And Communities Together (PACT) meetings.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Most of the incidents that occur on this junction are due to driver errors, such as speeding or going through red lights, but we want to be certain that the junction is operating as safely as possible for all those who use it."

ISSUES

Knowsley ward borough councillor Nikki Hennessy added: "We're grateful to Michelle Aldridge who has made many more people aware of the traffic issues in this area and encouraged several of them to get involved by attending our local PACT meeting.

"We met with the highways officers recently to explain to them what the main traffic problems are on Cottage Lane and Halsall Lane, as part of the £66,000 works that we secured for these roads earlier in the year.

"There are many drivers using these roads as a 'rat run' to avoid the lights at the Fiveways, as well as lots of farm traffic, including very large lorries that regularly have to mount the kerb to pass by because they are too wide for these roads.

"Hopefully, the end result will be improved safety on all of the roads and a reduction in the number of accidents at the junction."

Mum's Facebook plea after teenager is seriously injured in collision

Report by **Henry James**

THE mother of a teenage girl, who was seriously injured in a road accident has posted pictures of her in an induced coma on Facebook in a bid to find witnesses.

Georgia Addy was walking home from school on Wednesday, September 21 when she was in collision with a van at around 3.45pm on the A59 Moss Lane in Burscough.

The 15-year-old was airlifted to Alder Hey Hospital with head injuries, where she remains in a critical but stable condition.

Now her mum Sharon has posted pictures of Georgia on Facebook, which have been shared more than 40,000 times.

She wrote: "We are trying to help the police gather information. Our daughter Georgia, aged 15, was walking home from school on Wednesday, September 21 from Burscough village, along Moss Lane, the main A59 towards Rufford, between 3.30pm to 4pm.

"She was involved in a serious road traffic accident and we are appealing for witnesses or information to help piece together what happened. If you have any information, no matter how small, please contact the police.

"Please also share this post. Our daughter is in a critical condition at Alder Hey."

It is believed the blue-and-white Mercedes Sprinter van was travelling south towards Burscough at the time.

The 28-year-old driver of the van was treated by paramedics at the scene and did not require further treatment.

Emergency vehicles at the scene of the accident

Forensic teams worked on the scene for four hours and the main road had to be closed.

Sergeant Adam Dawson, of the Lancashire Roads Policing Unit, said: "This incident has left a teenage girl with serious injuries and we are now trying to piece together exactly what happened.

"Maybe you saw the girl or the van in the moments before the collision, or maybe you saw the incident unfold. If you have any information, however small, we would urge you to contact us as soon as possible.

"We would also like to thank the local residents who assisted the emergency services at the scene."

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Family launch new appeal in aid of hospital baby unit

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE family of a three-year-old boy who defied the odds to survive after being born 10 weeks early have launched a new drive to fund more potentially life-saving equipment for the baby unit which treated him.

Emma and Lee Graham started fundraising for the Neonatal Unit at Ormskirk Hospital after their son Theo was born almost three months prematurely weighing just 2lb 8oz in October 2012 and was treated there for the vulnerable first 10 weeks of his life.

The couple, from Formby, have held a number of fundraisers for the unit in the last three years, raising a staggering £25,000 towards the cost of a new £40,000 transport incubator that the hospital received last year.

Emma and Lee Graham with a now healthy three-year-old Theo

TARGET

Now the family are hosting a Baby, Toddler and Children's Event from 12.30 to 2.30pm this Sunday (October, 2) at the Activity Centre behind the Gild Hall in Church Road, Formby when they hope to raise £500 towards their latest target of reaching £1,500 before Christmas.

At the event, there will be stalls selling new and second-hand children's items, Peppa Pig and Paw Patrol character impersonators, face-painting and games including mini-golf, beat-the-goalie, tombola, hook-a-duck, a raffle and refreshments.

The couple also plan to hold another two events before January, one of which will be a Christmas Shopping Event in Formby.

The Neonatal Unit needs 12 new incubators, which cost around £15,000 each and 12 new monitors, which cost around £7,000 each, meaning that around £264,000 needs to be raised in total to fund all of the equipment needed.

Emma told the Champion: "Theo was born 10 weeks premature back in October 2012 weighing just 2lbs 8oz and he stayed at Ormskirk Neonatal Unit for the next 10 weeks including his first Christmas.

"The care and attention he received was absolutely five-star and as a family we want to give back to the unit and be able to help other families by helping to raise funds for essential medical equipment.

"Last year we helped to raise enough money towards a transport incubator that cost £40,000. This year we are helping to raise funds for monitors and incubators."

Admission to the event costs £1 for adults. For more information, call Emma on 07979 062 082.

School's charity fundraiser in honour of brave Ava

COMMUNITY-spirited pupils at a primary school in Aughton are urging members of the public to go along to their coffee morning fundraiser for a little girl who is battling cancer for the second time.

Four-year-old Ava Stokes, who lives in Aughton, with parents Kelly and Mark and older brother Alex, was diagnosed with hepatoblastoma, a rare type of liver cancer, when she was just 19 months old.

After undergoing gruelling chemotherapy sessions, the youngster was given a liver transplant in August 2014 and was delighted to be able to start pre-school at Aughton St Michaels Primary School.

Ava Stokes

However, in April this year, she became unwell again and was diagnosed with leukaemia.

She has had a life-saving bone marrow transplant at the end of July, which hopefully will have cured her leukaemia.

Now Year 6 pupils aged 10 and 11 and staff at the school, which her older brother Alex attends, are holding a coffee morning in the school hall to raise money for national charity Macmillan Cancer Support in honour of Ava.

The event will run from 9 to 11am this Friday, September, 30.

Councillors vote to make legal challenge over Parrs Lane homes decision

WEST Lancs councillors have voted to make a legal challenge against the controversial decision to allow a developer to build 150 homes on land near Parrs Lane in Aughton.

The council mounted a High Court challenge at a cabinet meeting earlier this month against the Planning Inspector's decision to allow developers Wainhomes to build the houses on land at Prescot Road. This was ratified at an extraordinary council meeting on Thursday, September 22.

Last month, the Planning Inspector overturned the council's original decision to refuse planning approval for the site which is listed in the Local Plan as being suitable for future development.

Councillor John Hodson

The Local Plan lists a number of sites that could be used to meet the targets set by the government for housebuilding. However, the council believes that the Planning Inspector failed to take into account all of the available sites in the borough. This included one site on which building work has already begun, and two others that the Planning Inspector omitted to include.

The Planning Inspector is also currently deliberating on Redrow's appeal regarding the building of a further 250 houses on land at Parrs Lane.

Councillor John Hodson, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "This motion was about local democracy, pure and simple. The Planning Inspector has erred in his calculation of the five-year Housing Land Supply. We must allow the people of West Lancashire to have some say in the future strategic direction of the borough in terms of housing and employment needs."

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Town bids for star billing in High Street contest

ORMSKIRK is set to compete against towns from all over the country in a competition which aims to celebrate businesses, people and partnerships which are putting high streets at the heart of their communities.

Great British High Street GBHS) is an organisation which supports those working to revive, adapt and diversify high streets.

Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group has entered the town into the GBHS competition under the 'Rising Star' category.

Members felt that given the recent adoption of the Ormskirk Town Centre Strategy and the progress being made on delivering its aims, this would be the ideal time to enter into the competition.

Ormskirk has been entered into the Rising Star category of the Great British High Street competition

Vibrant

A shortlist of a maximum of three finalists for each award category will be drawn up by mid-October. Category winners could win a range of prizes including advice on digital marketing.

If Ormskirk is shortlisted a public vote will open for one month during November and the town will be visited by a competition judge during this time.

Councillor Ian Moran, West Lancs Council leader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "A huge amount of work is being done to help ensure Ormskirk has an even more vibrant and successful future and this competition is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase what we have done so far.

"If we all get behind Ormskirk then that will help the town with its chances of winning this competition."

The Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group is made up of West Lancs Council, representatives from town-centre retailers, Ormskirk Community Partnership, Edge Hill University and Edge Hill Students' Union.

Some of the actions delivered from the strategy include undertaking market research, resurfacing of council-owned car parks; installation of a footfall monitoring system; delivery of new additional events including Makers' Markets, Love Your Local Market and the Ormskirk Gingerbread Heritage festival; a general town centre tidy-up and the Moor Street improvement scheme.

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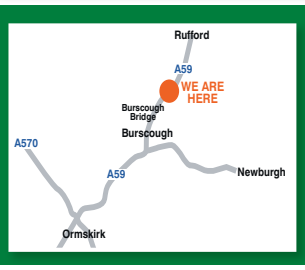

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Champ team smash fundraising target

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The 21 members of staff took on the Natterjack Seaside 10k in Southport to raise funds for the Royal and Broadgreen hospitals in Liverpool where Champ sales rep Steve Gainford received treatment.

Steve, 54, who is currently recovering from prostate cancer, was cheered across the line by his colleagues. And to date the team have far surpassed their targeted total of £1,500.

R-Charity is currently raising £10 million for the New Royal Liverpool Hospital to deliver world-class technologies and cutting-edge research.

Steve said: "It's not possible to sum up how happy and humbled I feel that the team at the Champ have come together to do this run and get as much money as possible for the R-Charity.

"I managed to complete the run along with my colleagues and I must say that I am feeling great.

"It was emotional to think so many people would give up their Sunday to support me and the R-Charity, It's incredible and will live with me forever."

Champion Newspapers MD Lyndsey Naylor, who also ran in the race, said: "I am immensely proud of all the staff who not only took part but who supported us on the day and with their donations - it was an amazing Champion team effort."

Group organiser Tracey Barlow commented: "This was an amazing effort from everyone who took part and also from all the supporters who came along on the day and cheered us on.

"It was emotional running with Stevie G and all cheering him across the line, particularly as he is still recovering from his operation. He truly was an inspiration to us all.

"Thanks to everyone who sponsored us, the money is still pouring in. It was a brilliant day for us all and superbly organised by Natterjack."

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Martin Mere news

SPUR-WINGED GOSLINGS HATCH AT WWT MARTIN MERE WETLAND CENTRE

Four Spur-winged goose goslings have hatched at WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre. The spur-winged goose is one of the rarest birds in captivity.

Martin Mere has a pair of spurwing geese and is the only location in the north of England where you can come along and see them – the only other location is a wildfowl collection in Sussex. Heralding from Africa, this goose is not rare in the wild but Martin Mere is one of the only places in this country to come and see them up close.

The last time Martin Mere reared spur-winged goslings was back in 2007 when 10 goslings hatched out.

Grounds manager, Steve Nasir, says: "The Spur-winged geese are magnificent birds, I am absolutely delighted and very excited about breeding these birds – it will actually be the first time I have ever been involved with rearing spur-winged. Not only do we get comments that they look like dinosaurs but the male has sharp spurs that over an inch long on their wings. They use these spurs in defense and it is the only bird that has a risk assessment in the Martin Mere grounds."

What makes them even more unusual is that in the wild the spur-winged geese will eat blister beetles which have a poison called Canthardin. This poison builds up as toxins in their body which actually makes the birds poisonous to eat.

The goslings are now 2 weeks old and will soon be available to see in the duckling nursery.

In other news at the centre, there are over 6000 pink-footed geese on the reserve that have travelled to us from Iceland. We will be expecting up to 30,000 to arrive over the next couple of weeks and every Wednesday and Saturday we are offering late night openings until 7pm. After 5.30pm you can come onto the nature trail for free to watch the last hour of the spectacle – just follow the signs when you get to the car park.

WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site http://www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere/ to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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Cafe boss Joel serves up second helping of sci-fi fantasy fiction

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A CAFE manager, who also finds the time to deliver the Champion, has released his second fantasy fiction novel - despite battling dyslexia.

Joel Cornah, who runs Coffee Etc. in Station Road, Parbold, released his first book, The Sea-Stone Sword in August last year.

Now his follow up novel, The Sky Slayer, is on sale at Waterstones and WH Smith stores.

The 28--year-old from Hesketh Bank, attended college in Wigan before studying English and creative writing at Liverpool's John Moores University.

He has also been delivering the Champion around Parbold for the last 11 years, "using the time in the fresh air to think up new ideas for stories".

Joel has struggled with dyslexia since being diagnosed at the age of five and at one point didn't have the confidence to pursue a career as a writer.

Now though he aims to encourage others to follow their dreams even if it seems like the odds are stacked against them.

Incredibly, despite his hectic schedule, Joel also writes for an online science fiction fantasy publication as a Dr Who specialist, as well as interviewing a range of sci-fi authors and actors.

He said: "When I was diagnosed with dyslexia I was encouraged to move away from reading and writing heavy subjects by well-meaning teachers. But I have successfully forged a writing career anyway.

"I grew up with four siblings and used to tell them stories about their favourite dinosaurs, penguins, and dragons. We created a whole world for them to inhabit and built cultures for the various species complete with maps, family trees, and eventually geopolitical intrigue.

"As we got older, the stories got more grown-up until I decided to write them down properly as novels.

"The Sky Slayer is the story of a boy who thought he was going to be a hero, but it all went wrong. It's a story about trust and about finding hope when everything seems darkest. A message I think is needed in today's political climate!

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Joel Cornah with his sequel, The Sky Slayer

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Council looks at forming development company to generate income and growth

Housing and commerce projects highlight potential benefits

WEST Lancs Council chiefs are looking into the possibility of forming a new company to help them achieve their ambitions for development within the borough.

The council has been working on major projects for housing - in Firbeck - and for commerce with the Greenshoots industrial units scheme, which will be let under the name Greenwood Business Centre.

Developing these schemes has highlighted to the authority the benefits of undertaking similar projects to generate income for the council and support its priorities around being ambitious for the local economy.

And, while the council has certain specific powers under legislation, if trading is to be undertaken in the wider commercial market with a view to generating income the best way for any authority to do this is to set up a development company.

The council's cabinet has approved plans for detailed investigations into creating such a company.

Now staff will examine the advantages and disadvantages so they can advise councillors on whether it would be in the best interests of council tax payers and the authority.

Councillor Ian Moran

Other options will also be examined.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of the council and portfolio holder for cconomic regeneration, said: "One of the council's top priorities is to be ambitious for the local economy by developing commercial and residential property.

"This would help support new and growing businesses, retain and grow jobs, increase the number of residents in the area and generate income to the council through council tax and business rates.

"Many other authorities have taken similar approaches and it would appear there may be significant benefits to the council and people who live and work in the borough.

"But we need to fully investigate whether such a body is the best way forward for the council and council tax payers."

More than 50 councils have set up their own development companies and West Lancs will consult with other local authorities as part of its investigations into the proposals.

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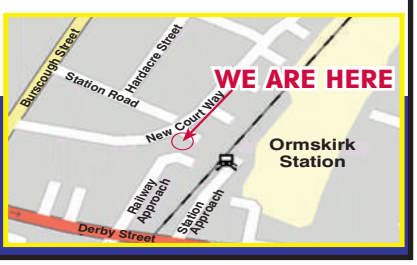

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Police welcome tougher stance on mobile menace

Drivers using hand-held phones set to face six-point licence penalty in new crackdown

Report by **Henry James**

Since 2003 it has been illegal to use a hand-held mobile phone while driving

LOCAL police forces have welcomed changes in the law which will mean that people caught using a hand-held mobile while driving will receive six penalty points on their licence and a minimum £200 fine.

The changes will be brought in by the government next year follow a number of fatal accidents in which the driver was using his phone while driving.

The amended laws, which cover drivers using their mobile for calls without a hands-free kit, texting or looking at Facebook or Twitter, could see those who are caught twice for the offence facing a six-month driving ban and a £1,000 fine.

Currently the law states that people caught using a hand-held phone while driving will get three penalty points on their licence and a fine of £100.

According to police figures in 2015 more than 2,700 drivers on Merseyside were stopped for being on their mobile phones while driving.

Inspector Keith Kellett from Merseyside Police Roads Policing Unit said: "Any measure that is introduced that works towards improving the safety of motorists and pedestrians on our roads is welcomed.

"In 2015 more than 2,700 drivers on Merseyside were stopped using their mobile phones while driving, an offence which can contribute to serious road traffic collisions.

"Merseyside Police is committed to reducing the number of people killed or injured on our roads in 2016 and we are determined to target motorists who flout the law and recklessly endanger lives.

"Using a mobile phone significantly reduces your driving ability and a lack of concentration because you are using your mobile phone – whether to make a call, send a text message or check social media - can have severe consequences for yourself and others."

A spokesperson for Lancashire Police added: "Using a mobile phone while driving is extremely dangerous and can cost lives.

"It only takes a few seconds distraction from a mobile to cause a collision, which can have fatal consequences.

"If we are to reduce the number of fatalities and casualties on our roads it is vital people comply with the law.

"Hopefully the new rules may cause people to think twice before using a mobile phone behind the wheel."

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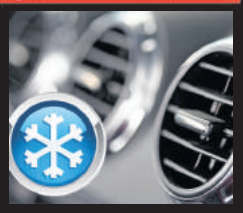

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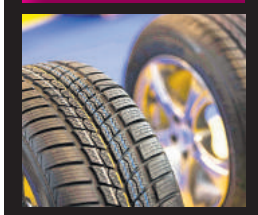

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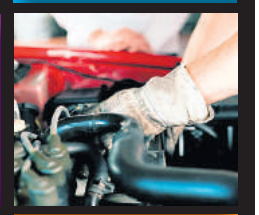

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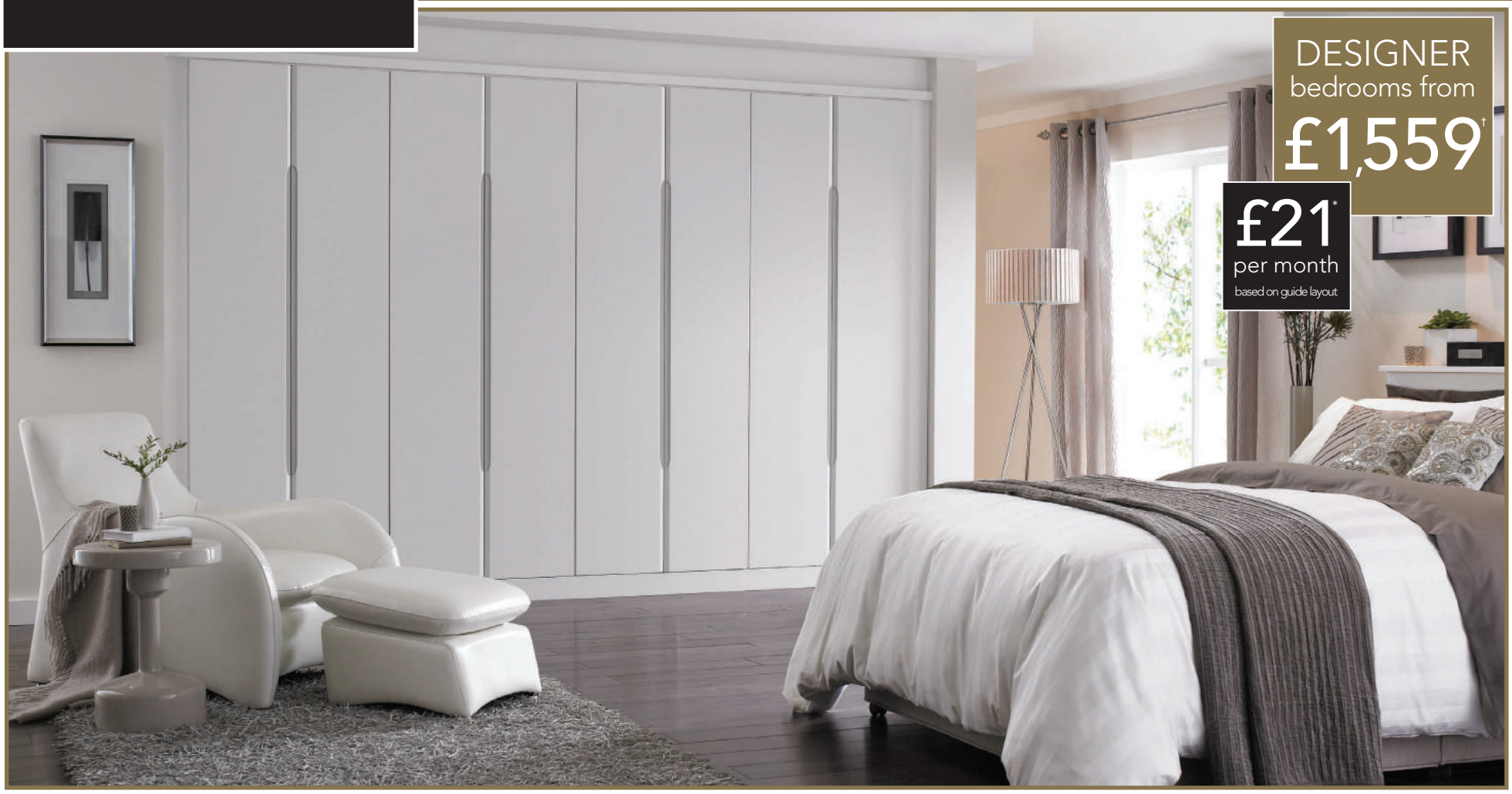

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Ormskirk's 'seasonal neighbours' must show more respect to town and its residents

AND so the summer recess has ended and once again Ormskirk is besieged by students old and new.

Residents are seen to be wandering aimlessly due to sleep depravation, around the now litter-strewn town avoiding the eggs from the egg fight which seems to have a trail from the town centre up to the battlements of 'Edge Hill Castle'.

The strange breed of humans which live at the castle have the ability to escape the fortifications and head to the town making as much noise as is humanly possible, they then lurk about the drinking houses and music venues until the early hours.

Around about 3.30am, when their hosts have taken all their money, they return to the castle making even more noise than before to ward off the evil spirits which are domicile within the Victorian buildings en route.

Seriously, how much longer do we have to endure these endless term time disturbances?

When are these seasonal neighbours going to respect the town and its residents?

Ormskirk resident
(name & address supplied)

Does patient care or profit guide actions?

I WENT to see my doctor in Birleywood last August who said I needed to have an ECG appointment.

He also said the next available appointment was for September 1 at the Birleywood surgery.

He booked me in and when I got home I discovered that the appointment was with a private company called PDS Medical. I then telephoned Ormskirk Hospital and they said I could have an appointment for August 18 (six days later from my original doctor's appointment).

I went back to Birleywood to cancel the appointment with PDS Medical and while I was there I discovered Birleywood surgery was hiring out rooms for this private company.

Furthermore, I also discovered that an appointment with PDS Medical is organised for you by the doctor.

If you choose the NHS option, you have to phone up yourself to organise it. So is it patient care or profit that guides action?

And will doctors now be guided by profit rather than what is best for their patients?

Private companies must make a profit to survive so therefore it is in their interest to have more and more ill people.

I have worked and paid into the NHS for over 40 years. It is my health service, not private medical firms'.

Mr C. Carr,
Skelmersdale

Please support our wonderful Macmillan nurses

MAY I thank the Champion for reporting on the death of my 75-year-old dad, Dr A K Varma, a family doctor who served the people of Ormskirk from 1977 to 2007.

We were somewhat overwhelmed by the number of cards and letters from his former patients after your article. Quite a few of our family friends were very moved to read it. We still get letters and cards from his former patients after your article.

Statistically speaking one in three of us will be affected by cancer. That means that at some stage of your life you, or someone close to you, will need the services of the wonderful people from the Macmillan nurses. In my dad's case the Macmillan nurses and the palliative care team were wonderful. They made his last days a lot easier and they certainly eased the burden on my mother enormously.

The Macmillan nurses are doing their World's Biggest Coffee Morning event on Friday, September 30, 2016. It is my understanding that on this day they raise about one tenth of their annual income.

Its my great pleasure to invite the people of Ormskirk to a 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' event (in the name of the late Dr A K Varma) at the Feel Good Centre at 21 Knowsley Road, Ormskirk at 9.30am and going on through the day.

So please come along.

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Sushant Varma
Feel Good Centre, Ormskirk

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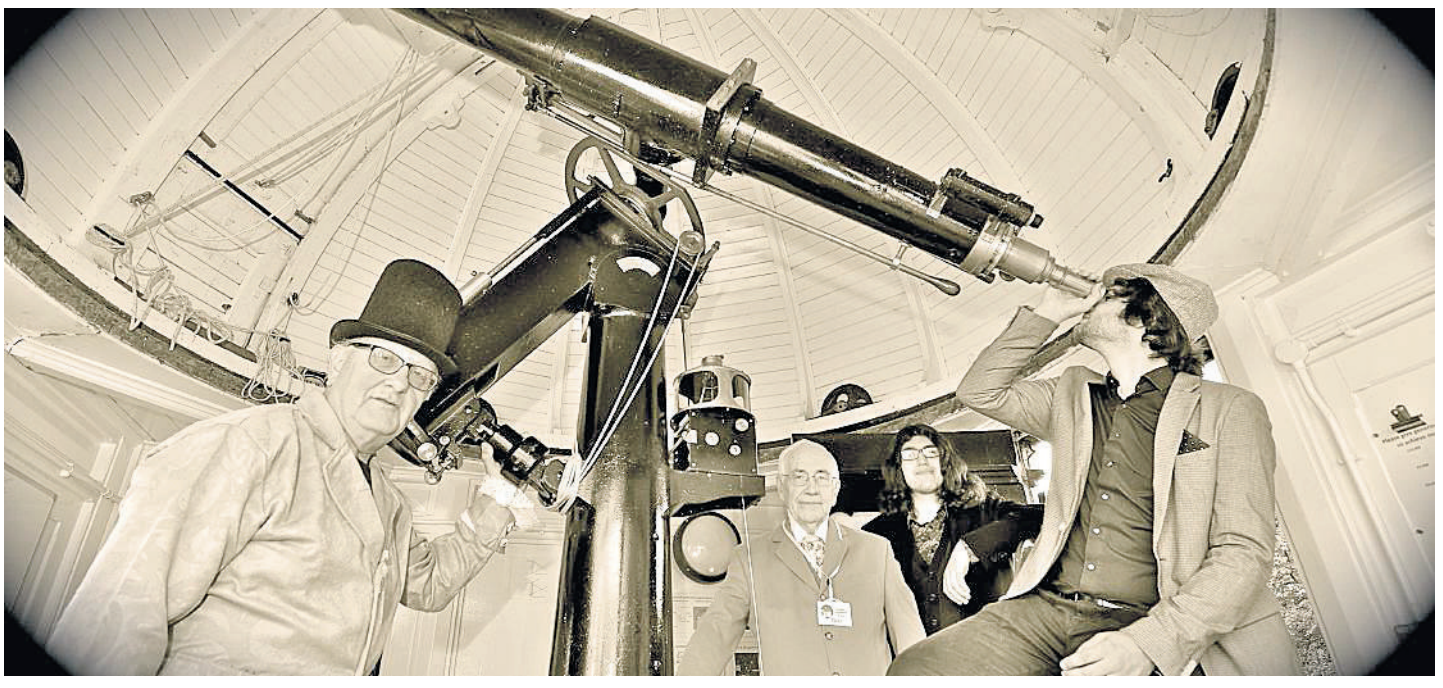

Looking back through time but forward to a brighter future.... Members of the Fernley Observatory Heritage Group and Southport Astronomical Society at last weekend's Victorian Fun Day with star exhibit of the event, the working Victorian telescope from 1869 housed in the Hesketh Park Grade II listed building which is soon to undergo renovation. Picture by Martyn Snape

What kind of Labour Party does Rosie Cooper represent?

ROSIE Cooper has been our MP for West Lancashire for many years.

She's well-respected for her excellent support for individual constituents and organisations. She's a credit to the Labour Party and sets a high standard for representing the borough in parliament.

However, there are some grey areas in her activities, topics which are off her radar. She's not keen on getting involved with 'hot' questions.

For example, I've been unable to discover her attitude to the Iraq War of 2003 even though I've raised the matter with her personally.

So here's another question I'd like to put to her directly. We're all aware of the disorder in her party over the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn. I believe that as her constituents, we're entitled to know where she stands. (This would be a crucial matter if she decided to stand again in 2020.)

What kind of Labour Party does she represent - Corbyn's or that of his right-wing opponents in the Parliamentary Labour Party? As a member of the Green Party, I ask this question not to embarrass her but to raise a legitimate issue.

Maurice George, by email

This really does take the biscuit...

I AM amused at the correspondence from the socialist MP Rosie Cooper about high salaries and pension contributions paid to Dr John Caine from the NHS.

Is this the same Rosie Cooper who, during the MPs expenses scandal, was reported to have charged the taxpayer the cost of Kit Kats in her expenses?

She really takes the biscuit, if you'll excuse the pun.

Aughton resident, (name, address supplied)

■ IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

Letters to the editor should be concise, preferably no more than 350 words, and should include the sender's name, address and contact details, although not necessarily for publication.

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Correspondents preferring not to have their name and/or their address published may provide a suitable nom de plume.

Shoppers' safety should be centre's priority

I AGREE with the Skelmersdale resident who wrote about the Concourse being in such a mess.

I am surprised that there hasn't been an accident on the ramp leading from the market hall to the upper level, as I have to dodge mobility scooters, prams and shopping trolleys when I walk up or down the ramp in order to do my shopping.

I also think that the ladies toilets being out of action for many weeks and the walk-in elevator makes it harder for shoppers.

I agree that the Concourse should prioritise where the money is being spent before they splash out on Christmas.

Also, when it rains the cleaning staff have to place buckets all around the Concourse shopping area both downstairs and upstairs so this needs to be looked into as a matter of priority as customers have to dodge these buckets whilst shopping.

Management are behaving like politicians making promises they cannot keep.

Elizabeth Bennett, Skelmersdale resident

Long waiting lists for special needs services due to lack of funding

MY daughter who is 12 has recently been assessed as possibly being on the Autistic Spectrum. We live in West Lancashire and have now been put on a waiting list which is 45 weeks for her to have the tests to get a diagnosis.

I think schools and healthcare professionals are more aware of autism and are flagging and referring on to appropriate services, but there is a lack of funding for these, hence the long waiting lists.

J. Pullin, by email

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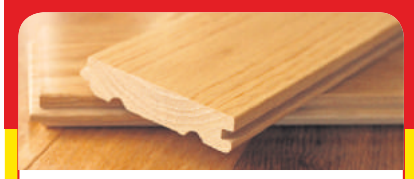

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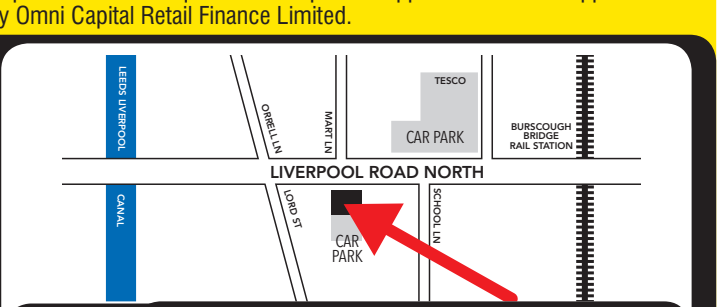

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New head at Tarleton Primary

THERE'S a new leader at the helm of Tarleton Community Primary School.

Chris Upton has been appointed to the role of head teacher at the Hesketh Lane school and took up his duties at the start of the new term.

Formerly at Delph Side Community Primary in Skelmersdale, Mr Upton has a background in school improvement and is particularly focussed on encouraging sport and music and developing creative learners.

He said: "At Tarleton Community Primary, we want our children to reach their academic potential but a huge priority is to equip them with the life skills they need to be successful adults and model citizens - after all, our children could be doing exciting and challenging jobs which haven't been invented yet!"

Meanwhile the school is hosting an Open Morning from 9.15 to 11.30am on Friday, November 18 when prospective parents can come and find out all about the school, and meet the head teacher, staff and current pupils.

Mr Upton added: "Parents who are considering their children starting at the school can also make an appointment for an informal conversation and a tour of the school should they not be able to attend the Open Morning."

Pictured right: New Tarleton Community Primary School head teacher Chris Upton with pupils

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Work starts on village housing project

...and developer pledges to invest £140,000-plus in improving surrounding area

WORK is underway on a new 48-home development in Rufford – and as part of the project, the developers are also planning to invest more than £140,000 in improvements in the local area.

Developer Jones Homes has started work on Roseacre Gardens, which was named after the farmstead that historically tended to the surrounding fields.

The scheme will comprise 34 four and five-bedroom detached family homes as well as 14 two and three-bed "affordable homes' on a two-hectare site off New Road – the first new housing development in the village for more than 20 years.

As part of the development, Jones Homes will also fund more than £140,000 towards improvement projects, including £97,000 for improvements to nearby public open spaces, £30,000 towards road junction improvements at the junction of Holmeswood Road and New Road, and £16,000 towards the upgrading of nearby bus-stops.

John Roocroft from Jones Homes said: "We are thrilled to have acquired land in Rufford for the first time. It has been a long time since there has been new build homes in Rufford, so we are proud to be changing this and enhancing the local property market.

"We are looking forward to getting started on site and introducing our brand to potential purchasers in the Rufford local area, and those from further afield looking to move to the village."

Construction at Roseacre Gardens has started with the first properties expected to be ready by early next year.

Below: John Roocroft from Jones Homes pictured at Roseacre Gardens

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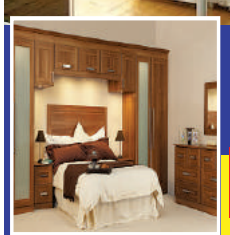

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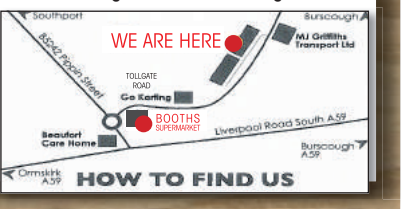

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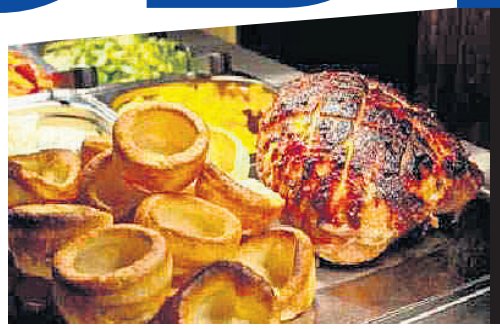

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Smokers urged to sign up to Stoptober challenge

PEOPLE in West Lancashire who smoke, vape or chew in are being urged to sign up to the 28-day Stoptober challenge during October.

It has been proved that people who quit for the 28 days during Stoptober are five times more likely to give up completely.

The Quit Squad, run by Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust and funded by Lancashire County Council, says that kicking the habit can help reduce the risk of illnesses such as heart attacks, strokes and some cancers and can also significantly improve blood pressure and circulation.

Thousands of people sign up every year and succeed in making their smoking a thing of the past.

Anyone thinking of taking up the challenge this year is advised to see a Quit Squad advisor to plan their Stoptober quit.

Helen Hatcher from the Quit Squad said: "Our mission is to help as many people as possible stop smoking for good.

"Smoking is one of the biggest causes of illness and preventable death accounting for 80,000 deaths in England a year, which is why it's so important to encourage and support those who want to make a change and lead a healthier life.

" Stoptober is for anyone who smokes and there is support throughout the month. To get support, contact the Quit Squad on 0800 328 6297 and plan your Stoptober quit.

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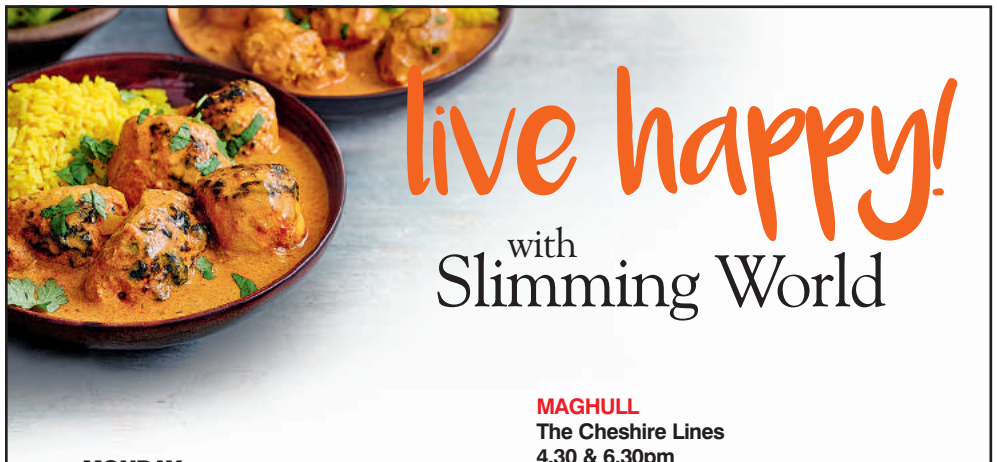
They chose the Wetherspoon pub following regular visits to check on the quality of the real ales on offer and took into account customer service, décor and overall atmosphere. A CAMRA spokesman said: "The Court Leet deserves its place in the Good Beer Guide 2017.

"It is our belief that if a licensee serves an excellent pint of real ale, then everything else in the pub, including customer service, quality of food and atmosphere, are likely to be of an equally high standard."

The pub's manager, Lisa Newton, said: "I am delighted that The Court Leet has been recognised for the quality of its real ales by CAMRA members.

"We offer our customers an excellent range of real ales at all times, including those from regional brewers and microbrewers, as well as hosting our own beer festivals.

"Staff at the pub work hard to ensure that the real ales on offer are kept in first-class condition."



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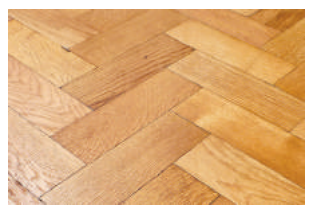

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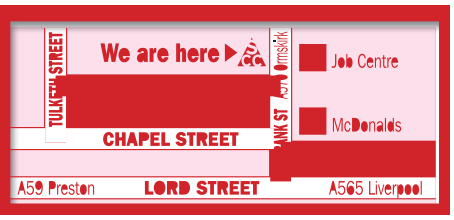

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Author launches schools reading initiative

THIS year's Lancashire County Council Fantastic Book Awards have been launched by children's author Geraldine McCaughrean at the Woodlands Conference Centre in Chorley.

More than 120 teachers attended the official launch of the book awards initiative for the county's primary schools, developed by Lancashire's school library service.

The awards will run until May next year and will involve thousands of children from schools throughout the county.

The main aim of the awards is to support reading for pleasure and enjoyment by introducing newly-published fiction titles to pupils aged between nine and 11 years old pupils, and encourage them to meet and discuss them at informal book clubs.

Committed

County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire's cabinet member for environment, planning and cultural services, said: "I think this is a tremendous initiative. Research tells us that interest in reading sadly declines considerably when children move on from primary to secondary school. "I really enjoyed reading when I was at school, and when I get time I still love nothing better than settling down with a good novel.

"We are fully committed to maintaining the high levels and standards of literacy here in Lancashire and I'll take a keen interest in who's won next May."

Geraldine McCaughrean is a multi-award-winning children" author whose latest publication, *Stories from Shakespeare*, commemorates the 400-year anniversary of The Bard's death.

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Midsomer still a must-see for me - despite the flaws!

THIS week's 'Dog' is, I'm afraid, slightly whimsical, but it concerns something close to my heart, Midsomer Murders.

I have loved this TV programme for years. I even like the new Chief Inspector Barnaby, and his wife and particularly his dog. It has always been, and still is to a large extent, a nice, comfy programme in which you can immerse yourself and suspend belief in the real world.

After all, if you had a real area like Midsomer, where murders happen several times a week, national media, TV and press, would have set up a permanent camp there years ago! And DCI Barnaby would likewise have been drawing an early pension.

I can even, just about, forgive the departure of director Brian True-May. Basically the composition of each episode is still much the same, though perhaps it has developed a slightly sharper edge and the body count may have fallen slightly.

But it remains a must-see programme for me – even the repeats which seem to crop up even more regularly than repeats of the 'proper' Top Gear. If you can use the adjective gentle about a programme based on multiple murders, then Midsomer is it.

But even to one more than prepared to overlook the improbable story lines, two features of the programme have started to really irk me. One is largely confined to Midsomer Murders, the other applies to many police-based TV productions.

I just cannot understand why, apart from scenes shot in real villages or whatever town passes for Causton, any scene showing vehicles travelling along a roads is quite obviously shot on a private estate somewhere. It would appear, from watching Midsomer on telly, that there isn't an A road to be found anywhere in the area. No road is wide enough for two vehicles safely to pass, there are no road markings of any sort – though when you see a signpost you could be forgiven if you thought you had suddenly been transported to a motorway slip road!

Suddenly, on this one-track country lane, you may find a direction post to the nearest airport for instance.

In general, I really don't see why Barnaby - or any other character - cannot be shown driving along a genuine road somewhere, though I accept that if you are shown a car being driven at speed, you know there is going to be an explosion and a wrecked vehicle just around the next corner.

The other really annoying thing - though this is common to any police-based programme - is the way suspects and genuinely innocent people, react to police questioning by simply getting on with whatever he or she is doing and obviously taking little interest in the officer of the law.

I know that on the (very few) occasions when I have had 'official' contact with police officers, I have always tried to listen to what they are asking and answer politely. You don't, or I wouldn't anyway, provoke police persons by just getting on with polishing your shotgun or sorting through dodgy-looking mushrooms on the kitchen table.

As I said, part of the magic of Midsomer Murders for me is that you can easily suspend critical analysis of the plot (and the same actors who seem to turn up living in different Midsomer villages at different times). But I do not see why my credulity needs to be strained over silly things like roads which are quite obviously not public ones, and folk happily trying to ignore police persons who are trying to interview them about multiple murders.

Still, I will continue to scan the TV pages for Midsomer Murders old – and particularly the occasional new – episodes of country life, and multiple deaths in a part of the UK yet to be rediscovered.

Mayor presents awards to green-fingered gang at PALS' annual show

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage, was guest of honour when the Hesketh Bank Permaculture and Allotments Society (PALS) held their annual show and fun day at the allotments on Shore Road.

And she joined chairman of the group, David Baines to present trophies to prizewinners in the various categorie.

John Birchall was winner of best in show and allotment of the year, Ashok Ujoodha was awarded the most improved allotment accolade and Debbie Baillie was adjudged best plotholder.

Pictured right: West Lancs Mayor, Councillor Liz Savage and David Baines, chairman of Hesketh Bank PALS (centre) with prize winners John Birchall, Ashok Ujoodha and Debbie Baillie

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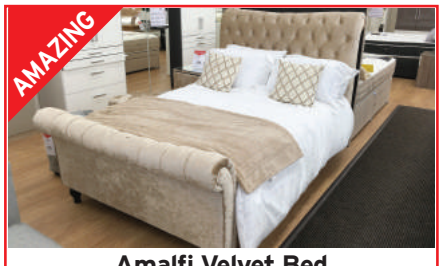

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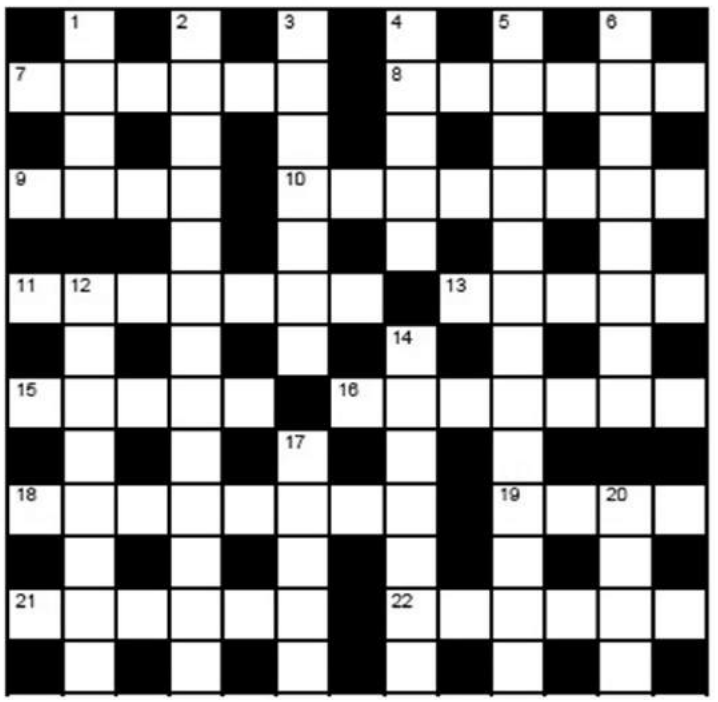

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7 Applet. 8 Tandem. 9 Ping. 10 Half-moon. 11 Meeting. 13 Unify. 15 Usury. 17 Sarcasm. 20 Validate. 21 Puck. 22 Dahlia. 23 Upside.

Down: 1 Splice. 2 Flog. 3 Etching. 4 Still. 5 Mnemonic. 6 Tee off. 12 Tortilla. 14 Baleful. 16 Stalag. 18 Secede. 19 Banal. 21 Push.

ACROSS

7 Confidential (6)
8 Decapitate (6)
9 Oven for firing pottery (4)
10 Item of clothing made up of a single garment (3-5)
11 Historic term for a British soldier (7)
13 Ring-shaped coral island (5)
15 Faint-hearted (5)
16 Mounted troops (7)
18 Secure position from which to make further progress (8)
19 Bottle-stopper (4)
21 Australian acacia tree with yellow flowers (6)
22 Try hard (6)

DOWN

1 Abominable Snowman (4)
2 Written or printed version of something (13)
3 Low upholstered seat without a back or arms (7)
4 Religious building (5)
5 What you might send to a friend over the festive period (9,4)
6 Relating to the vessels of the body (8)
12 Containing or consisting of a series of separate parts or events (8)
14 Small particles of wood (7)
17 Sacred book of Islam (5)
20 Lively party (4)

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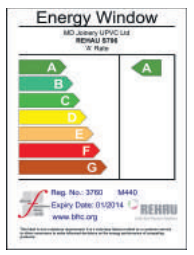

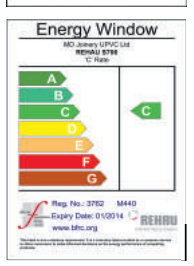

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The team is aiming to promote greater acceptance and promotion of breastfeeding in commercial and community settings with the overall goal of increasing breastfeeding rates across the whole of Lancashire.

Infant feeding co-ordinator Katie Wharton said: "Mothers do at times feel uncomfortable breastfeeding while out and about, even though many public and private venues have an open attitude to breastfeeding.

"The health benefits of breastmilk cannot be measured. It's important that people support mothers to be able to continue breastfeeding or giving breastmilk for the maximum amount of time after birth.

Lancashire Care Trust wants to make mums feel more confident about breastfeeding in public

"Public places, businesses, employers, schools and colleges are especially being encouraged to become breastfeeding friendly to reassure mothers that not only does the law support them to breastfeed their baby wherever their baby becomes hungry, but the local community do so too. This in turn supports a positive image of breastfeeding and helps promote and protect breastfeeding as the normal natural way to feed babies."

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Care service earns quality commission 'outstanding' rating

THE Care Quality Commission (CQC) has given Lancashire County Council's Shared Lives service an 'Outstanding' mark.

The recognition was awarded following a recent inspection, in May and June this year.

Inspectors assessed all areas of the service and found it to be efficiently run, safe, responsive and well-led with caring staff.

Shared Lives is similar to fostering, but for adults. Carers offer a home to someone who may have a physical disability, a learning disability, or an older adult who is not able to live on their own or with their family.

The idea is that people who are being supported are able to share in family and community life by living in the carer's home.

Lancashire's Shared Lives service is the largest in the country. It supports 11% of the population of adults with a learning disability in the county.

A total of 371 people were being supported in 287 households at the time of the inspection, with 227 of those receiving long-term care.

ENTHUSIASM

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "I'm pleased that the Shared Lives service has been recognised as outstanding.

"The people being cared for are welcomed by the carer's family and supported on long-term placements, and for short breaks, respite care, day care and emergency care.

"Shared Lives carers do a superb job, they are friendly and have lots of enthusiasm for the people they look after.

"Inspectors found that the service was safe and well-run with staff keeping detailed records covering medication and other health issues.

County Councillor Tony Martin

"People receiving care were also very positive about the carers and the council's Shared Lives team. Many said they were made to feel like part of the family.

"The inspectors also found that the team did an excellent job of matching people with families who have similar interests.

"There is no doubt that Shared Lives provides the best type of support for many adults. Thank-you to the staff and carers who've worked so hard to make Lancashire's Shared Lives an outstanding service."

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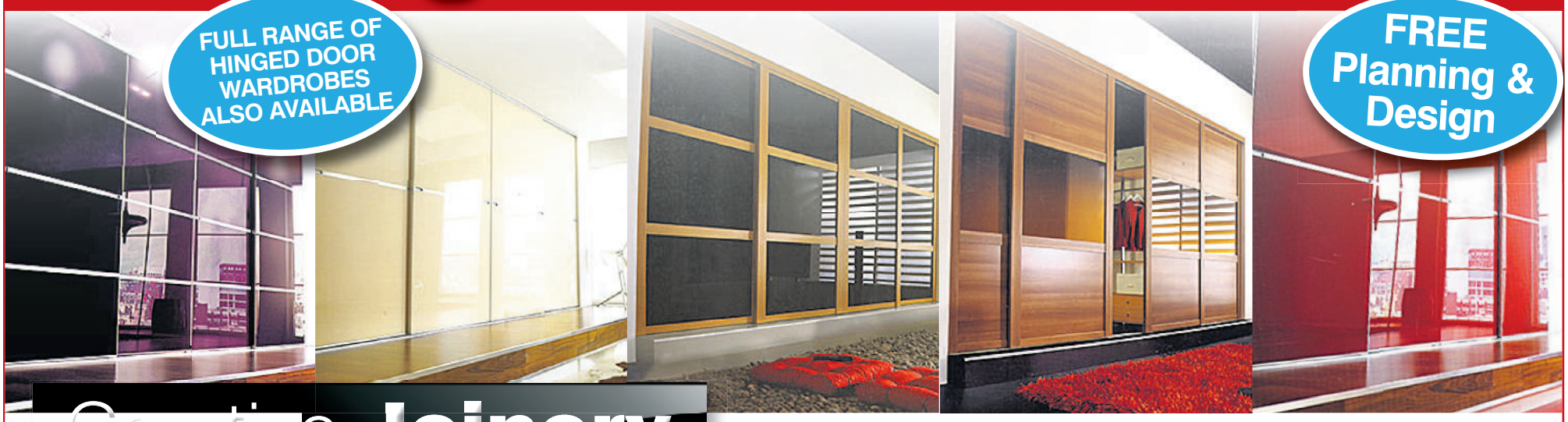

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Youth Council campaign for 'curriculum for life' to be compulsory in all schools

County education chief backs call for greater emphasis on personal, social, health and economic lessons

Report by **Henry James**

THE Lancashire Youth Council are calling for a compulsory 'curriculum for life' to be taught in all schools.

This would include the teaching of personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) to help young people to manage their life and stay safe.

The teaching of PSHE isn't currently part of the National Curriculum, but is taught in schools to varying levels.

The youth council's campaign wants PHSE to become statutory and has been backed by County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for children, young people and schools.

County Councillor Tomlinson said: "Young people feel that they would really benefit from having lessons to help them to negotiate life's challenges and opportunities.

"The teaching of complex issues such as online safety may help young people to handle the modern world with more confidence. Although the advance of the Internet and the digital age offer tremendous opportunities, they also bring new pressures with them that possibly require a new way of helping young people to deal with them.

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"Schools may be well-placed to support children and young people's development through dedicated PSHE lessons, taught by trained teachers.

"I firmly believe that PSHE, when taught well, helps to keep young people safe, mentally and physically healthy and prepared for life and work."

School surveys and research looking at the ways that PHSE is currently delivered in schools and colleges will form part of the young people's campaign. Areas of excellence will be highlighted as examples of good practice.

A curriculum pack is being developed by the Lancashire Youth Council, endorsed by the county council, which will be available to schools across the county next year. This pack would include set lesson plans and exam papers for pupils to take to check their understanding.

The Lancashire Youth Council also plan to take a look at how PSHE, and also citizenship, is taught nationally, to ensure that a consistent high standard is achieved.

Campaign progress will also be monitored by the young people, to make sure that a difference is being made.

This campaign adds momentum to the call for statutory PSHE education. 967,000 young people voted in last year's UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) campaign to choose priorities for the year ahead.

A curriculum for life and compulsory mental health education were two of the three most popular topics chosen for a debate in November 2015 in the House of Commons.

The Youth Council is supported by Lancashire County Council's Wellbeing, Prevention and Early Help Young People's Service (WPEH) and is made up of representatives from across the county. Members are drawn from the 12 District Youth Councils, the Lancashire Children in Care Council, The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Youth Council, Young Carers Forum, and the Rainbow Generation, a forum for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender young people.

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson

Late doctor's family to hold fundraiser for cancer charity

THE family of a GP from Ormskirk who passed away earlier this year after battling cancer are holding a coffee morning to raise funds for charity on Friday, September 30.

Dr Akhilesh Kumar Varma, who practised at the town's Stanley Street surgery for 30 years before retiring in 2007, passed away aged 75 in June.

Now his son, Sushant Varma is holding a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event from 9.30am at the Feel Good Centre in Knowsley Road, Ormskirk to raise funds for the national cancer charity. All members of the community are invited to pop in to the all-day event for a slice of homemade cake and a tea or coffee.

Mr Varma said: "Statistically speaking one in three of us will be affected by cancer. That means that at some stage of your life you, or someone close to you, will need the services of the wonderful people from the Macmillan nurses. In my dad's case the Macmillan nurses and the palliative care team were wonderful. They made his last days a lot easier and they certainly eased the burden on my mother enormously.

"The Varma family all feel very strongly that we must do something to give back to the Macmillan nurses and although it's called the world's biggest coffee morning, we are running it all day and hope to raise a lot of money for them."

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The meeting will be held in the lecture theatre of the Education Centre at Ormskirk and District General Hospital, starting at 1.30pm. Light refreshments will be available from 1pm. The trust has produced an annual report which is available on their website www.southportandormskirk.nhs.uk under the 'how we are performing' section.

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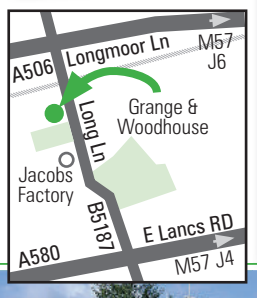

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Only a few weeks into the new school year and the Maharishi School in Skelmersdale looks set to continue its record of success. As the only state through school in Lancashire, Maharishi School offers an unparalleled opportunity for children to enjoy their educational career in the same school from Reception class through to Year 11.

Following the retirement of Dr Cassells, after nearly thirty years as Headteacher, the new Head Mrs Edwards is bringing her experience as an outstanding Head of Department in a large High School to the local Free School. She says "I was delighted to be appointed as Head of Maharishi School. I have long admired the work done here and intend to build on what has been achieved at the school so far. We have put together a great team of teachers and, with our proven educational methods transforming the experience of school for our pupils, I am looking really forward to my first year here."

Maharishi School already has an enviable reputation for its academic performance and pastoral care, which result from its unique system of Consciousness-based Education, which includes the simple technique of Transcendental Meditation (TM) as part of the school day. This naturally supports the development of creativity and intelligence of pupils and staff alike, helping to create a dynamic and harmonious school environment. Last week the school did even more to create harmony by taking part in Peace One Day's International Day of Peace.

About 80 staff, parents and pupils went to school early and enjoyed an outdoor yoga lesson from the science teacher Mr Marriott, followed by a group meditation in the classrooms. Scientific research has demonstrated that group practice of TM contributes to increasing balance in society, resulting in more peacefulness. After the meditation everyone enjoyed breakfast together.

A recent addition to the school's many extra-curricular activities has been the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Having been licensed as a DoE Centre last year, with the highest ratio of participants of any school in Lancashire, Maharishi School has been so impressed with the results for participating pupils that it is expanding the scheme within the school. Pupils will now be able to devote more time to it and to progress from the Bronze to the Silver award.

Adding to the existing enrichment programme, including Spanish taught by Mrs Edwards, this year Maharishi School has also started Computing and Photography Clubs, both of which offer the opportunity to take the subjects at GCSE.
Maharishi School is a great place to be. With a few places remaining in the Reception class, why not contact the school to see if there is a vacancy in your child's class, so they can go to a school which goes by the principle "We are here to enjoy"?

Maharishi School New Headteacher Mrs Lisa Edwards

Staff, parents and pupils celebrating Peace One Day

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Month of free, fun events lined up in borough's parks and countryside

SUMMER may be over but West Lancs Council's Parks and Countryside Ranger Service have a host of fun free events lined up for October to brighten up autumn in the borough.

The programme gets underway on Saturday, October 1 when local fungi and foraging expert David Winnard and a Ranger will lead a Fungal Foray around Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

They will be searching for amazing species of fungi and plants, and hunting for some wild edibles, as well as looking out for the things to avoid.

This starts at 2pm and would-be foragers are asked to meet at the park's bowling pavilion at 1.50pm.

There's a chance to take part in the extended health walk on Monday, October 3 and enjoy a four to six-mile jaunt taking in Cheshire Lines cycle path and surrounding scenic countryside.

No booking is required, just turn up at Lydiate Station, Station Road at 9.50am for a 10am start.

Meanwhile the 12-mile Burscough Wetlands Walk on Sunday, October 16 will be another fun ramble.

Anyone wishing to take part is asked to meet at Platts Lane Lake car park at 9.50am for a 10am start.

And there's a chance to 'warm up' for Halloween by carving scary pumpkins at Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale on Saturday, October 29 from at 10am.

Pumpkin carving sessions are also planned for Richmond Park, Burscough, on Saturday, October 29, at 2pm and Coronation Park, Ormskirk at 2pm on Sunday, October 30.

Booking is essential for the pumpkin carving. To reserve your place call 01695 570258 or 01695 622794.

And to round off the month there will be a free Halloween extravaganza at Coronation Park, Ormskirk between 6 and 8pm on Monday, October 31.

The evening is sure to be a 'scream' with plenty of scary goings-on planned, including walks through the woods with vampires and ghosts!

'Stupendous'

There will also be a spooky costumes competition while Base Dance will perform some eerie routines to entertain the crowds.

Pumpkins from the carving sessions will be dotted around the park on the night with prizes awarded for the best three.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "We're inviting the public to come along to Coronation Park, Ormskirk for an evening of fantastic frights and stupendous screams on Halloween night.

"And there are plenty of other great free events in our parks this month, so don't miss all the fun."

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all events. People taking part are advised to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather and ground conditions.

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Life's worth celebrating!

Resort's Morgan dealership now oldest in world

Report by **Ollie Cowan**

Left: Family, friends and colleagues at Life's Motors celebrate being the world's oldest agent for Morgan cars

Right: George Randall and son Dave.

SOUTHPORT is now home to the world's oldest Morgan motor car dealership.

Staff and customers at "Life's Motors' came together last week to celebrate the 93rd birthday of the West Street-based showroom and dealer.

Originally starting life as a motorbike dealership in 1923, Life's was founded by Southport man and company namesake Billy Life.

It took just three years for Billy to spot a niche in the market for Morgan motor cars, with the three wheeler model becoming a popular choice among speed and style aficionados.

It was then that Life's became one of the first official Morgan dealers - an enterprise that would outlast its founder and see success that nobody else could imagine, maintaining its presence in Southport town centre to this very day - with no signs of business slowing down!

By 1934 it was time for Billy Life to hit the brakes and he eventually sold the business to his protégé Gerry Hoyle.

Gerry was no stranger to Morgans nor motorbikes, having become quite an accomplished racer who took Morgans for spins in sprints and hill climbs - even trying his hand at racing along Southport's then golden sands - as most will know back in the 30's and 40's Southport beach was home to many an international land speed record.

After roaring success throughout the fifties, the business was to change hands again when Gerry decided it was time to retire and in came George Randall in 1960 to take the wheel.

More of a Morgan fanatic than a businessman, it was often joked that George bought the business simply so his order of the latest model would be delivered earlier!

A true petrol head if ever there was one! But it was not all power and full throttle ahead for Life's.

George was tasked with seeing the dealership through to what was to become a trying time for the British motor cycle industry. By the late 70's and 80's motor cycle trade and manufacturing in Britain had started to wane and across the country the strain started to show.

George made the decision to turn Life's into an exclusively car only dealership, ending what was a fifty year love affair with two wheels. But the gamble paid off and for the last 30 years Life's motors have been dedicated to selling new and used Morgan's.

Now in the proud hands of George's son Dave Randall, who bought the business from his father in 1991, Life's has been family run for 53 years and continues to enjoy huge successes in the Morgan trade.

But from humble beginnings as a garage and repair shop across the road from where the current site now stands, it has been one of Southport's longest and most successful business enterprises - outlasting the likes of Chewitts and Vulcan Motors.

Dave told The Champion: "We are now the longest established official Morgan dealer in the world - we are proud of this fact and we love what we do. A Morgan is not just a fun car but a serious sports car that has put the fun back into British motoring."

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Former nurse Gail appointed to Lancashire Healthwatch board

A QUALIFIED nurse from Ormskirk is one of three new non-executive directors appointed by Healthwatch Lancashire.

Gail Godson trained locally in Lancashire as a nurse, and has more than 35 years of experience in the health care service, primarily within the NHS as a clinician and senior manager.

In 2012 Gail and her husband opened a new care company, Home Instead Senior Care West Lancashire & Chorley, determined to make a difference locally, offering high-quality care services based around tailored care plans, respect and dignity.

Mike Wedgworth, chair of Healthwatch Lancashire, said: "We are delighted to have appointed three new board members with a vast amount of experience.

"The skills they will add to the board will assist Healthwatch Lancashire to fulfil its role as the public voice for health and social care in Lancashire.

"The Healthwatch Lancashire board of directors is deeply committed to improving services in the county and ensuring that people's voices are not only heard, but that they can influence improvements within health and social care services."

Gail Godson one of three new non-executive directors appointed by Healthwatch Lancashire

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Beer, Food and Wine Festival goes down a treat

VISITORS flocked to the second annual three-day Ormskirk Beer, Food and Wine Festival at the weekend.

Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Liz Savage was among those who enjoyed the community event, which was run in conjunction with Ormskirk Cricket Club and aimed to showcase the best of what Ormskirk and the surrounding area has to offer.

A total of 18 local business and community groups took part in the event from Friday to Sunday, September 23 to 25.

Attractions included a food market, 60 hand-pulled real ales and live music provided by local artists, while Sunday also featured family-friendly activities such as bouncy castles, children's games and activities.

All hands to the pumps...60 hand-pulled real ale were on offer at the festival

David Speak (2nd from left) manager of The Cricketers Restaurant welcomes the mayor Cllr. Liz Savage and her consort Cllr. Noel Delaney to last weekend's Beer, Food and Wine Festival.

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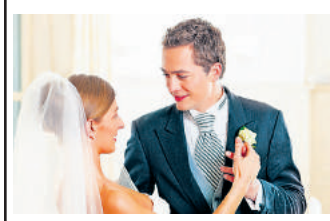

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Singing sensation Rebecca Ferguson talks about returning to her roots and her most personal album

Interview by **Henry James**

Rebecca Ferguson says her new album *Superwoman* helped her through dark times

SINGER Rebecca Ferguson is looking forward to returning to her North West roots as part of her forthcoming tour and has welcomed news of regeneration plans for the Anfield area of Liverpool where she grew up.

She also revealed how her album, *Superwoman*, helped her through some dark times, in an interview with Champion entertainments writer Henry James this week.

The album, her fourth studio release, is due out in October and the 30-year-old will perform a homecoming show at the Liverpool Philharmonic on Friday, November 4.

Beneficial

She says she "can't wait" to come back to the city and is also pleased to hear about plans for investment in Anfield.

"Any money which is being injected into the area has got to be a positive because ultimately it will be beneficial to the community.

"I lived there for many years, it is where I brought up the kids originally and I like to think that they are sorting it out. Every kid deserves to live in a good area.

"Liverpool is a city built on hard-working people trying to make a good life for their kids.

"It is good to hear positive stories from Anfield. The children of that area should be given the chance to grow up in a positive place where they can thrive."

Ferguson always visits Anfield to see relatives when she is in Liverpool and will also pop into the local Asda.

She expects her family will be at her Philharmonic concert.

"I can't wait to come back to Liverpool as the audiences are always good and we always have a great response.

"There is usually a few of my mates and family in the audience as well. It is always a good atmosphere and a good laugh to perform in my home city."

Memories

The performer has described *Superwoman* as her most personal album and it was produced during some of the hardest days of her life.

She said: "I wrote *Superwoman* after a dark period in my life. I found out I was pregnant and I was rejected by my child's father and my daughter was rejected by her father. I had a nervous breakdown.

"*Superwoman* has allowed me to tell the story in a positive way that doesn't make single mums feel isolated. It is also for people who have been through heartaches and break ups. It is about getting through what life deals you and coming out on top."

And she still follows X Factor, the show which launched her career. She finished second behind Matt Cardle in the 2010 series, and has good memories of her time on the programme.

"It was a good show and good fun. I was very grateful for all the fans and everyone who supported me.

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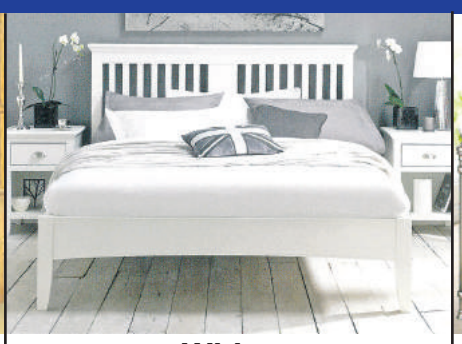

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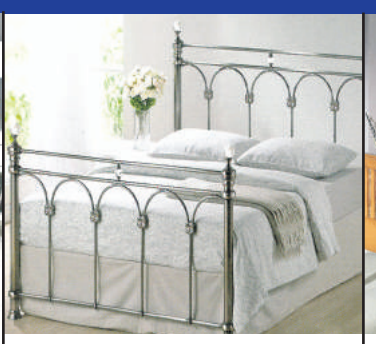

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Demonstrations of apple pressing - where visitors can taste the freshly-produced juice - and tours of the heritage orchard will be available, along with special activities for the children and refreshments in the cafe.

There will also be opportunities to taste and buy a variety of culinary and dessert apples grown in the orchard which is part of the 85-acre reserve with woodlands and meadows, set up as a charitable trust in 1996 and developed to encourage wildlife.

The orchard has 95 apple trees, along with a few pear and plum trees and some some of the apple varieties date back to the 1700s, including Ribston Pippin, Wheeler's Russet and Isaac Newton.

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A British Rail ways poster depicting Southport's Marine Lake - one of a number being auctioned later this year

'Golden Age' of rail posters set to go under the hammer

A COLLECTION of paintings depicting British Railways of days gone-by – including Southport – is set to go up for auction later this year.

Some of the images, which include artistic advertising posters for the resort as a dream holiday destination for families travelling the country by rail, will be put up for auction at Dreweatts & Bloomsbury Auctions' Newbury base on December 7.

Among the highlights in the collection are a number of original artworks done for the London, Midland & Scottish Railways in the 1920s, an era which has subsequently come to be known as the 'Golden Age' of the railway poster.

Paintings also depict landscapes from Bournemouth, Wales, Castle Rushen in the Isle of Man and Iona Cathedral in Scotland.

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Yoga instructor launches new health and wellbeing classes

A YOGA instructor has started a range of new health and wellbeing classes in Aughton.

Tutor Pauline Whiteley is running sessions at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane on Friday afternoons.

These include a cardio, strengthening and toning session from 1 to 2pm, followed by a yoga class from 2 to 3pm.

And she is also holding 'mind, body and soul' holistic yoga classes, which teach relaxation, meditation, yoga theory, body alignment and breathing techniques from 7.30 to 8.30pm on Thursday evenings at the Aughton Women's Institute Hut, Town Green Lane.

For more information or to book a session, call Pauline on 01695 424335 or 07759 093 784.

Golf club earns players' praise

ORMSKIRK Golf Club has been praised after hosting the Lancashire PGA Championship earlier this month.

The main event was a 36-holes strokeplay competition (two rounds in the day) which was won by local professional David Shacklady of the Mossock Hall Golf Club with rounds of 70 and 68.

Peter Allan, professional at Ashton-in-Makerfield, won the seniors prize with an 18-hole score of 73.

The competition was played in great weather and many of the players praised the condition of the course.

European Senior Tour 2016 Scottish Open winner Paul Eales tweeted "Thanks to Andy Duncan Lancs PGA and @ormskirkgc for a wonderful day. Another 'must-play' golf course in North West."

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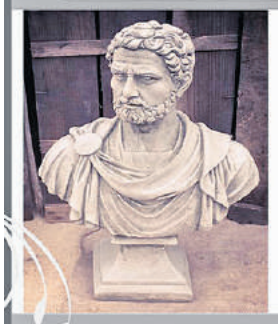

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Picture House announces new autumn programme

PARBOLD Picture House has released their programme of films and theatre streaming for the autumn season.

The venue is to show the film Spotlight on Sunday, October 2 at 7pm. It won an Oscar for Best Picture this year and stars Michael Keaton and Mark Ruffalo. It is about the Boston Globe's investigation into child sex abuse by Roman Catholic priests.

There will be a Front Row Screening of the Australian Ballet: The Fairy tale series: The Sleeping Beauty on Tuesday, October 4 at 7pm.

On Tuesday, October 18 at 7pm there will be a National Theatre NT Live presentation of The Threepenny Opera.

Florence Foster Jenkins can be seen on Sunday, October 16 at 7pm. It stars Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant and is the true story of the New York heiress and socialite who pursued her dream to be a great opera singer.

There is to be a screening of The Entertainer, John Osborne's classic play and starring Kenneth Brannagh on Thursday, October 27 at 7pm.

On Sunday, October 30 at 7pm people can see Eye in the Sky, which stars Helen Mirren and Alan Rickman. The film is one of Rickman's last and looks at the ethical dilemmas faced by military personnel on using drone warfare.

The film Love and Friendship can be seen on Sunday, November 13 at 7pm. The production stars Kate Beckinsale and is based on the Jane Austen novella Lady Susan.

Embrace of the Serpent can be seen on Sunday, November 27 at 7pm. The film is based on the journals to two epic journeys into the Amazon jungle, each guided by the same warrior shamen and the last of his tribe.

Kenneth Brannagh in The Entertainer

On Tuesday, November 29 at 7pm there is a front row screening of the Australian Ballet: Cinderella.

Far from the Madding Crowd is being shown on Sunday, December 11 at 7pm. This is a recent adaptation of Thomas Hardy's classic.

One of the best loved Christmas films – It's A Wonderful Life, which stars James Stewart and Donna Reed is being presented on Sunday, December 18 at 7pm.

On Sunday, January 8 at 7pm Unbroken can be seen. The film tells the story of Louis Zamparini, who was an Olympic athlete at the 1936 Berlin Games, a war hero, and also a Japanese POW. For tickets call 01257 464533.

Company promising plenty of pink in show

FOLLOWING the well-received production of South Pacific, Maghull Musical Theatre Company are back with their production of Legally Blonde.

Based on the smash Hollywood film of the same name, it tells the story of Elle Woods, a sorority queen who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. This feel-good show will have you cheering along with Elle as she defies all expectations, and proves that being true to yourself never goes out of fashion.

Featuring several show-stopping solo numbers and toe-tapping tunes that will remain in your head all evening, including: Whipped into Shape, Blood in the Water and So Much Better. The script is enhanced by the performances of the entire cast, including some side-splitting comedic turns. Maghull Musical Theatre Company pride themselves on their high production standards, which are on display here in the innovative dance numbers and direction. People can also expect some noteworthy sets, and a production jam-packed with energy, sparkles and a whole lot of pink!

Performances run from Wednesday 2 – Saturday, November 5 at 7.15pm. For advance bookings call 01695 632 372 or purchase from the Little Theatre Box Office (01704 530521) from Wednesday, October 26, 11am to 5pm.

Cilla star to appear in city

CILLA star Sheridan Smith is to reprise her hit performance as Fanny Brice at the Liverpool Empire.

Following critically acclaimed and record-breaking sold-out runs at the Menier Chocolate Factory and Savoy Theatre in London, Sheridan Smith will reprise her highly praised performance of Fanny Brice at selected venues for the UK tour of Funny Girl.

Funny Girl brought global fame to Barbra Streisand 50 years ago and boasts some of the most iconic songs in film and theatre history, including People and Don't Rain On My Parade. This musical tells the story of Fanny Brice, whose vocal talents and comedic ability see her rise from Brooklyn music hall singer to Broadway star.

Sheridan Smith reprises the role of Fanny Brice. Her other theatre work includes A Midsummer Night's Dream (Michael Grandage Company at the Noel Coward Theatre), and Hedda Gabler (Old Vic).

Funny Girl will be at the Liverpool Empire from March 7-11.

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Sheridan Smith in Funny Girl

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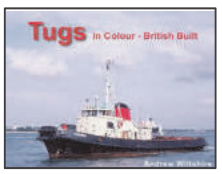

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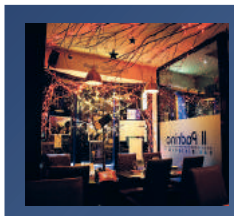

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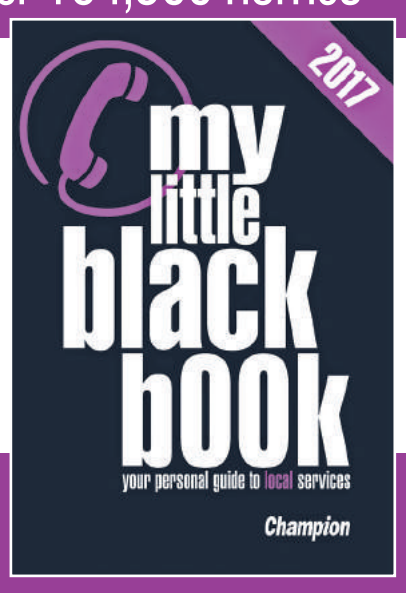

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DEATHS

PICKLES RICHARD LEWIS ANTHONY (TONY)

Died peacefully at Holly Bank Nursing Home, Southport on 23rd September 2016. Aged 82 years.

Of Southport. Formerly of Galteemore Rest Home, Southport were he spent 32 happy years and was looked after with love and compassion. Dearly loved Brother of Maria, Loving Uncle of Christina & David, Steven & Christopher, Dear Great Uncle of Kristian, Daniel & Kortney. Funeral Mass at St. Maries R.C Church, Southport, on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at 12 noon, followed by Interment at Duke Street Cemetery. Family flowers only by request, but donations in memory of Tony are being gratefully received for Galteemore Rest Home, Southport. Donations and further enquiries please to Lisa Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough, Tele 01704 891555.

BIMPSON EVELYN

17th September 2016, peacefully in hospital, aged 91 years.

Beloved wife of the late Richard. Evelyn will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. The Funeral Service and Committal will take place at 1.45pm on Thursday 29th September 2016 at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only by request please. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

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DEATHS

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21st September 2016 Aged 69 years

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24th September 2016

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26th September 2013

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(Bert)

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SO IT'S your lucky day. You've won a free pleasure flight in a vintage aircraft over the North West – but when you arrive at the airfield things don't seem right.

The aircraft in question looks a bit rusty, there's mould sprouting from the window frames and the engines seem to splutter as she starts up. It looks like something that's been dragged out of a hedge rather than anything you'd entrust your life with.

So you ask about what safety certificate the old girl has – and sure enough, it doesn't have one. The pilot tells you it doesn't need a safety check he's done all the checks himself and everything's fine. Or rather he would, but his voice is drowned out by the propellers stuttering and spluttering. Still going to don those flying goggles, then? That's pretty much the exact position the Government wants to put me – and a few hundred thousand other car nuts – in this week. The vintage aviation buffs can bring their letters of complaint to *The Champion*'s editor to a shuddering halt because I know their aircraft are covered by tight safety legislation, but if Whitehall has its way all cars made before 1977 won't be. That's a long list of cars for which an MoT will no longer be necessary.

A list of cars that includes my 1972 MGB GT. I'd happily give you a lift home in it because I know it's been checked over by experts in a garage at least once a year, and anything nasty they find is quickly rectified, no matter what the cost. But the idea of old cars being allowed to tootle up and down our dual carriageways and motorways with no legal safety check whatsoever is a recipe for disaster.

Sure, there are plenty of classic car owners who are fastidious, have their vehicles checked and lavish whatever attention they need, but it'll only take one accident caused by an old car with an undiagnosed fault for all hell to break loose. I've no intention of allowing my beloved MGB out onto Her Majesty's Highways without the experts giving it the once over first – but under the Government's proposals I no longer have to.

Yet there's a very real prospect that MoTs will be dropped entirely for older cars – and if you're worried about it you've barely a month to have your say. There's a consultation on the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency's website, but it closes on November 2.

If you like your classic cars to come with the added thrill of not knowing if a tyre blowout or brake failure is imminent, then do flick through to the sports pages. But if you care about people's safety, do the right thing and have your say. *Share your views at www. gov.uk/government/consultations*

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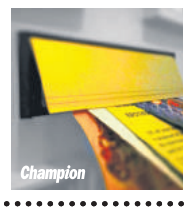

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Linnets see red in heavy home defeat to Farsley

Burscough 0 Farsley Celtic 5

BURSCOUGH remain in the bottom two of the table after being thrashed by high-flying Farsley in a game which saw them reduced to nine men.

The Linnets had two men sent off in a feisty encounter which has left the side only separated from bottom club Goole AFC on goal difference. Farsley scored just before half-time to open the scoring but romped to victory in the second half following two red cards for Burscough players.

Burscough are due to travel to Goole this Saturday (October 1)in what could be a decisive game at the bottom of the table.

Skem rue missed chances at Sutton

Sutton Coldfield 2
Skelmersdale United 0

SKELMERSDALE were left to rue missed chances in a disappointing away defeat.

The visitors began well and should have taken the lead only for a stunning double save from home keeper Wren to keep out efforts from Chris Almond and then Ben Hodkinson from the rebound.

Sutton opened the scoring on 33 minutes. The ball was switched from right to left side by the home team and went to Jean Michel Gueyes, who crossed for Khaellem Bailey-Nicholls to side-foot home.

Sutton had most of the possession until half-time but Skelmersdale didn't allow them to generate much in the way of threat.

There was a right scramble in the Skem penalty area on 51 minutes. A wayward pass put Bailey-Nicholls in and he rounded Fearon. His shot was cleared off the line by Rob Bodie and a rebound was saved by Fearon. But significantly the move had given Sutton confidence. Lee Smith beat the Skelmersdale offside trap but his shot from an angle was rather painfully blocked by Fearon, then a Ryan Edmunds shot was saved by the keeper.

Skelmersdale countered on 63 minutes. Woolcott cleverly played to Almond who in turn put Luke Wall in on goal, but again Wren saved Sutton.

After Sutton had a goal disallowed for offside Skelmersdale started to look like they had weathered the home storm and it was a surprise when they made it 2-0 in the 79th minute. A long punt down the park seemed to be set for goalkeeper Martin Fearon, but then the bounce of the ball appeared to hold up rather than run on to an advancing Fearon. Sutton substitute Tyler Blake closed Fearon down and the keeper could only punch the ball rather than catch it, Blake blocked the ball with his shoulder and it ran straight into the net.

A minute later it could have been three, but Fearon saved at Blake's feet and the game finished 2-0.

Skem keeper Fearon can only punch the ball against Blake for Sutton's second goal.
Picture by Tim Lloyd

United to face former Premier League striker

SKELMERSDALE will come up against a former Premier League striker in this weekend's match in the shape of Clinton Morrison.

The ex-Crystal Palace player is now the main man at Mickleover Sports, who travel to Stormy Corner this Saturday.

Morrison will certainly be a handful for the Skem defence, having been capped 36 times for Republic of Ireland and also having stints at Birmingham City, Coventry City and Sheffield Wednesday.

Mickleover sit seventh in the table, just four points off top place, and have already beaten Skelmersdale once this season.

Morrison has spent the last two seasons in the West Country playing for Exeter City in League Two, where he appeared against Liverpool in the FA Cup.

He wasn't playing when Mickleover defeated Skelmersdale earlier on, but will be a challenge for Tommy Lawson's central defensive partnership of Rob Bodie and Robbie McIntosh.

Bohannon, Sephton are top of the class...

IT'S that time again when we take a look at the high and lows of local players in the 2016 Liverpool & District Cricket Competition, starting this week with four local clubs in the ECB Premier Division.

Formby finished runners up to newly crowned champions Leigh, Dane Williams led the batting statistics with 625 league runs at an average of 36.76, with a highest score of 78, Tym Crawford scored 531 @ 33.19 with a highest score of 80, James Seward scored 513 @ 64.13 with a highest score of 96, Tim le Breton scored 381 @ 22.41 with a highest score of 91, Elliot Ketteringham scored 347 @ 23.13 with a highest score of 131, whilst Stephen Parry scored 336 @ 37.33 with a highest score of 64.

Gary Keedy topped the bowling charts with 54 wickets @ 16.11 (best 7-50), Stephen Parry took 41 wickets @ 12.61 (best 6-46) and Tym Crawford took 33 wickets @ 18.18 (best 5-38), whilst James Seward took 29 victims behind the stumps and Elliot Ketteringham took 8 catches in the outfield.

Ormskirk finished in third place in the table, Josh Bohannon led the scoring charts with 807 runs @ 44.83 with a highest score of 122, Andy Baybutt scored 566 @ 33.29 with a highest score of 119, Michael Jones scored 526 @ 30.94 with a highest score of 125*, whilst wicketkeeper George Lavelle scored 327 @ 27.25 with a highest score of 100*.

Scott Lees topped the bowling charts with 30 wickets @ 22.43 (best 4-15), closely followed by Josh Bohannon with 29 wickets @ 16.00 (best 7-31), whilst Lavelle took 27 victims behind the stumps and Ian Robinson and Bohannon both held on to 10 catches in the outfield.

Northern finished fourth in the table, with Liam Grey leading the run scoring charts with 526 @ 26.30 with a highest score of 73, followed by Davy Smith 512 @ 36.57 with a highest score of 93*, Stephen Lucas 491 @ 28.88 with a highest score of 103*, Stephen Cole 392 @ 24.50 with a highest score of 105, whilst skipper James Cole weighed in with 301 @ 25.08 with a highest score of 46.

Tom Sephton once again topped the wicket taking chart with 74 wickets @ 15.88 (best 7-29), followed by Ryan Maddock 34 @ 20-35 (best 4-38) and Liam Grey 23 @ 19.43 (best 4-13), with James Cole taking 35 victims behind the stumps, whilst Maddock in the outfield Maddock took 12 catches, Davy Smith 11 and Liam Grey 11.

Bootle finished in fifth place, with Michael Farrell leading the run scoring chart with 610 @ 33.89 with a highest score of 103, followed by Jackson Knight 603 @ 37.69 with a highest score of 86, Danny Davies 463 @ 28.94 with a highest of 77, whilst skipper Craig Prince scored 437 @ 27.31 with a highest score of 98.

Chris Liptrot led the way with the ball with 42 wickets @ 18.60 (best 7-44), followed by Chris Stenhouse 40 @ 17.08 (best 5-23), Greg Butterworth 29 @ 22.07 (best 4-40), Scott Butterworth 27 @ 23.48 (best 6-48) and Danny Davies 24 @ 14.04 (best 5-51), whilst Neil Williams took 22 victims behind the stumps and Jackson Knight took an incredible 22 in the outfield.

Well they were the highlights of the top division, now here are the leaders with the most ducks, Justin Snow failed to trouble the scorers on six occasions, with Danny Davies, Ian Cockbain & Ian Carroll all one behind him on five, whilst Scott Butterworth, Stephen Lucas and Ian Robinson were a further one behind on four.

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Start with the basics. Most living rooms contain a sofa, armchair, side table and coffee table. Look for these basic furniture items before adding extra pieces. What will you mostly be using the room for? This needs to be considered when buying furnishings, like the cabinet for the TV, storage or a place where you can place your drinks when you have guests.
If your living room is used as a daily family hangout, you will need sturdy, stain-resistant furniture, especially if you have young children. On the other hand, if your living room is mainly used by adults and will only entertain the occasional guest, you can choose pieces made with more delicate luxurious fabrics. Stain-resistant fabrics are especially useful if you have young children, but they might still be a good idea even if you only plan on using the space for guests since spills and stains can happen to anyone. High quality furniture can be an investment so don't just look at the design but also think about how long the furniture needs to last you. Avoid mistakes by getting samples. Ask for fabric swatches and paint cards to determine how well certain pieces and colours coordinate with one another and the room.
Pick paint colours, flooring, and finishing details that coordinate with your choice of furniture. Choose a theme for your interior. If you decide to get an eclectic look, then this gives you the freedom to mix and match furniture. If you want to achieve a modern look, then get modern pieces.
Aside from the basic furniture that a living room needs, add some dual functioning pieces like an ottoman. This can also be an additional seating area especially when you have guests, you can also add other accessories on it like throws or cushions.
Once you have your main furnishings sorted you can start adding accessories. Just a few pieces, such as an interesting painting or a glass-front cabinet to show off a collection of something can personalise the space.

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PASTEL COLOURS

Pastel colours are well known to calm and enhance positive and restful moods. The palest of pinks and blues are the thing at the moment but beware as you may very quickly end up in a nursery environment if you are not careful. Rather than plump for accent walls or wallpapers, the suggestion here is to go for a plain base (cream walls) and accessorise heavily. Cushions, bedding, curtains and ornaments can be easily swapped and changed.

GREY

Grey is a constant trend this year and with over 550 shades in the Dulux charts you can take your pick. If you decide to go for grey it is best to use contrasting shades throughout the room as using just one colour tone may make your room look flat. The best thing about using grey is how great it looks when nicely lit and how easy to accessorise it is.

SCANDINAVIAN

The accent here is on textures (silks, faux furs, rugs) rather than patterns. Scandinavian décor can be a little cold but that is not necessarily true if you get it right with your textures. Floors should be wooden and warmth can be brought in with a darker shade of wood. In winter go for velvets and warm feeling fabrics in pale colours.

BOHEMIAN

A complete contrast to Scandinavia, this look has no room for pastels and delicate. Think Morocco, think heat. Layers of bright colours with blankets, rugs, curtains and lighting to make the bedroom a clashing sanctuary.

Also always opt for the best quality you can buy. A bedroom, whatever its theme, should be opulent and luxurious. Don't be afraid to open a packet and run your finger on the material before you buy... Your bedroom should be perfect for you!

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Bathrooms

A modern bathroom is one that evokes a luxury hotel, somewhere special where you can relax and unwind, get clean quickly as well as pamper yourself. Depending on the size of the room and even if your bathroom has only room for a basin and a shower you can still make something special out of it by following a few of the trends listed below.

En-suites bathrooms are a definite attractive proposition for most and there is a resurgence of single use en-suite if room and budget allows. This puts a stop to clock watching at key times when two people depend on using the same facilities. Of course, if a shower person lives with a bath person it makes life much easier. However double use en-suite are as popular as ever because of budget and space consideration, the important factor here in having facilities attached to your bedroom.

Use of natural materials are very much part of the trends we have highlighted so far in kitchens and bedrooms, with a more organic feel borne out of using stone, wood and metal. These materials are tactile and feel unique to each user which is a quality most of us are looking for in our bathrooms.

Oversized radiators and tiles are on the increase too, giving a bathroom a reinforced sense of luxury and boutique hotel. Even if your space is small, large tiles can be effective and widen the room somewhat.

Important tips are to always keep it clean and simple. The famous 'less is more' adage is never more relevant than when you think bathroom. Luxury is also in the detail with piles of clean fluffy towels, good quality lighting, good soaps and a minimum of bottles and cosmetic paraphernalia on show at all times.

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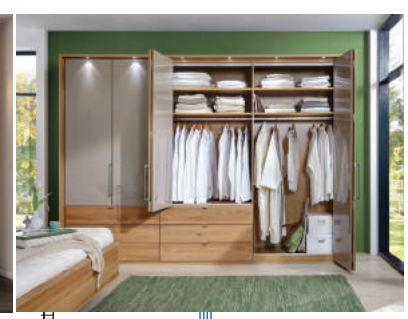

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Fireplaces

Making the correct choice of fireplace is one the most important steps in remodelling and decorating a room. In these times of increased insulation and central heating, its tempting to overlook the need for a fireplace – this would be a mistake! Many people see the fireplace as the focal point of the room and the right design can really enhance the look and design of your space. There are a number of key things to consider when choosing yours. With the many styles on offer, which should you go for? Should it be period, antique or contemporary? If you have an Edwardian property, you needn't feel disobliged to go for a design from that period.

OPEN FIREPLACES

An open recess in the wall at the base of the chimney where a fire of your choice can be placed with a surround.

HOLE-IN-THE-WALL

The is no surround or mantel, just an opening set into the wall with a fire basket to hold fuel or a gas fuelled firebed of pebbles, logs or ceramic shapes.

ALL-IN-ONES

This term is used for any style of fireplace which incorporates all the elements in its design, including firebaskets, fireback and mantel. They do not usually include hearths.

GRATES

Some Georgian and Victorian coal burning fireplaces had a cast-iron hob on either side of the grate, these were originally used for cooking.

WOOD

Wooden surrounds, particularly those made from pine are ideal for country style properties. More elaborate designs are also available in mahogany and oak. Richer dark woods are also popular.

STONE

Although stone fireplaces are most commonly thought of as ideal for traditional homes, being prominent fixtures in houses during the Georgian and Victorian eras, they are now available in a host of contemporary styles too, lending themselves well to crisp, minimalist designs.

METAL

Cast-iron fireplaces were hugely popular during the Victorian and Edwardian periods, but they are now also available highly polished to a sheen and in more contemporary designs. One of the newest trends is also for stainless-steel fire surrounds, in either a polished or brushed finish.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Kitchens

Buying a new fitted kitchen is something most of us do very rarely - with the average person purchasing a new kitchen only once in ten years. This makes it important that when we do make the commitment to upgrading or remodelling this space, it pays to plan ahead and make sure you get the best possible quality and design for your money.

Think about the space you have available. You may have your heart set on a certain layout and dream of a kitchen with a stylish central island, but if you do not have the necessary space available then you are set for disappointment.

Be realistic and work within the budget you have set. A good designer should be able to provide you with lots of appealing layouts to help make the most of both your budget and your available space.

When setting your budget and ultimately settling on a design, there are a few things you need to take into account. Will you need to make any structural changes to achieve the kitchen you desire? Which materials are you planning to use on kitchen components such as the cabinets, doors and handles as well as your worktops and flooring. Do you need to purchase appliances for your new kitchen. It pays to do some research here as well on the different models available and those that work best for you and your kitchen. Free standing oven or one that is built in? Electric, gas or induction? Washing machines, dishwashers and fridge freezers. Many of these appliances can be hidden away and are now integrated saving much needed space and also ensuring a cleaner look to your room.

Always shop around, and make sure you visit some local showrooms. There really is nothing like visiting a showroom to get a real idea of the quality and different designs available when it comes to kitchens. Try and get a number of quotes from different companies to ensure you get the very best deal. And finally, before you take the big plunge make sure everything is costed out in detail (so no nasty surprises).

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In the UK, shutters have seen a surge in popularity during the last decade. Previously window shutters were the domain of the few, with very few companies available who could install these, let alone measure up correctly. Today this is no longer the case with many companies available who will design and install your new shutters, rather like a double glazing company.

Shutters are a hinged cover for a door or window. They have slats to allow you to control the level of light and privacy you require in the room and make a great alternative to both curtains and blinds. There are many different styles of shutters available meaning there is likely to be something for any room. Shutters are great at insulating against noise and are also easy to maintain as they need a simple dust occasionally. This is also good for hygiene, particularly if you or your family have allergies. So for a clean, modern, luxurious look, why not think about installing these in your home.

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Adding value to your home

BUILDING AN EXTENSION

An obvious benefit, adding more space to the home by either expanding a room or adding more. This can also be done across two floors enabling you to add extra bedrooms and bathrooms as families grow. Extensions however have had some poor press in the past because of the fact that they change the fabric of the building and great care must be taken at the design stage to ensure you have the correct planning permission and that the flow or the look of the building is not affected negatively. It is difficult to put a cost on an extension as they vary from home to home depending on the size but if done well, not only will this add value to your home, you will see a good return on investment.

LOFT CONVERSION

Not only will a loft conversion create additional space in the home without the need to move, research has indicated that it can increase the value of your home by as much as 20%. However, such a conversion must be a true add on and not encroach on the space you have now. You must count on spending between £15k for a small conversion and between £20 to 40k for larger ones.

BATHROOM

The bathroom is another area where buyers may have their own ideas and styles but a clean, modern, well maintained room may be money well spent. An extra bathroom (especially en suite) can add up to 6% to the value of your home and the cost of an extra bathroom can be between 2.5k to around 6k (Trade Advisor) depending on what you choose to have.

KITCHEN

The kitchen is often the first thing buyers will look to replace as they seek to put their own stamp on their new property. However, bear in mind that to most of us, the kitchen is the heart of the home and as such plays a huge role in selling the house. If you can provide a ready-made, attractive space, buyers may be willing to pay more to save themselves the hassle of arranging a new kitchen. Research by HSBC has found that a new kitchen may add at least £5,000 to a property's value.

CONSERVATORY

Under a certain size, no planning permission is required and a conservatory can add up to 5% to the value of your home. Costs will vary depending on style and size and can be anything between £4,000 and £10,000. They range from ultra modern to traditional and in the case of a possible move, try and remember that again too much individual taste is never a good idea. Also, as much as a new conservatory will provide you with an additional room, the compromise is it does mean giving up on some space. Bear this in mind particularly if your garden is already quite small.

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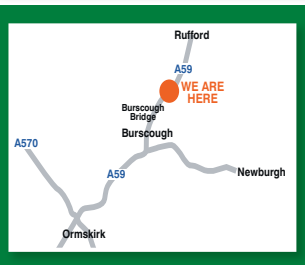

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